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SUBJECT:NDPC SECURITY SURVEYS

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1. THE CURRENT SECURITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE USG AND
BELGIUM COVERS THE SAFEGUARDING OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION
EXCHANGED BETWEEN THE PARTIES OF THE AGREEMENT. THIS
AGREEMENT DOES NOT COVER HOW EXTENSIVE THESE EXCHANGES
WILL BE OR THE LEVEL OF SENSITIVITY OF THE INFORMATION
INVOLVED. MOREOVER, THERE IS NO PROVISION IN THIS
GENERAL SECURITY AGREEMENT WHICH SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSES
SECURITY SURVEYS. NOTWITHSTANDING, IT IS NOW THE POLICY
OF THE USG THAT THE LEVEL OF SENSITIVITY OF US INFORMATION
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AND THE AMOUNT OF SUCH INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE DISCLOSED
TO BELGIUM OR ANY OTHER FOREIGN GOVERNMENT (SUCH AS AIM-9L
AND F-16 CO-PRODUCTION) IS CONTINGENT UPON OUR OBTAINING
ASSURANCES THAT THE RECIPIENT GOVERNMENT IS CAPABLE OF
AFFORDING TO US CLASSIFIED INFORMATION AT LEAST EQUIVALENT
PROTECTION AGAINST UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE AS OUR OWN
SAFEGUARDS PROVIDE. THIS ASSURANCE CAN ONLY BE OBTAINED

BY US ASSESSMENTS OF THE SECURITY SAFEGUARDS EMPLOYED BY
FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS. SUCH IS THE PURPOSE OF THE CONTEM-

PLATED SECURITY SURVEY.

2. NEW AGREEMENTS BEING NEGOTIATED NOW PROVIDE FOR
RECIPROCAL SURVEYS AS WELL AS A REQUIREMENT THAT COMPRO-
MISES BE REPORTED TO GOVERNMENTS OF ORIGIN. A SURVEY
WAS CONDUCTED IN BELGIUM IN 1965 AT WHICH TIME THE GOVERN-
MENT OF BELGIUM FULLY COOPERATED. FAILURE TO OBTAIN
APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BELGIUM FOR THE PROPOSED
SURVEY WILL NECESSITATE AT LEAST AN IMMEDIATE REEVALUA-
TION OF THE AMOUNTS AND SENSITIVITY OF US INFORMATION
WHICH MAY BE DISCLOSED.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY APPROACH THE GOB AGAIN AND DRAW ON
THE ABOVE AS WELL AS MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. SURVEY'S PURPOSE IS TO EVALUATE GOB AND BELGIAN
INDUSTRY CAPABILITY TO PROTECT USG CLASSIFIED INFORMATION,
NOT REPEAT NOT, TO EVALUATE INTERNAL GOB SECURITY
PROCEDURES.

B. SUCH SURVEYS ARE RECIPROCAL AND GOB COULD SIMILARLY
EVALUATE USG PROTECTION OF GOB CLASSIFIED INFORMATION
(E.G., MAG 58 TANK MACHINE GUN).
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C. USG INTENDS TO RENEGOTIATE OLDER GENERAL SECURITY
AGREEMENTS SO AS TO INCLUDE RECIPROCAL SURVEY PROVISIONS
AND REQUIREMENT TO REPORT COMPROMISES OF EACH OTHERS
CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.

D. THE ABSENCE OF THIS SURVEY COULD HAVE A NEGATIVE
EFFECT ON CO-PRODUCTION PROJECTS.

4. BECAUSE OF LIMITED AVAILABILITY OF PERSONNEL AND FUNDS
TO COMPLETE SUCH SURVEYS, REQUEST ANOTHER APPROACH BE MADE
TO PERMIT THE NDP SECURITY SURVEY IN BELGIUM AND REPORT
RESULTS AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS IS POSSIBLE AND NLT MARCH 21,
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